

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Shoji, et al.  
Appl. No. : 10/642,952  
Filed : August 18, 2003  
For : PROCESS FOR PRODUCING  
DIMETHYL ETHER  
Examiner : Rosalynd Ann Keys  
Group Art Unit : 1621

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2006, please reconsider the present application in light of the following amendments and comments.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.